GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:710
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2016
Dowry Deaths
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of dowry harassment and dowry deaths have been reported from various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of such cases reported, accused arrested, convicted, conviction rate achieved and the steps taken to improve the conviction rate during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the action taken by the Union and the State Governments to curb activities of false allegation of rape and dowry harassment along with the steps taken for amendment in relevant laws to penalize the false complainants;

(d) whether the Government has issued advisories to the States and police departments in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the States and police department in this regard along with the other measures taken to stop such cases in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): As per information provided by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), cases of dowry harassment and dowry deaths have been
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reported from various parts of the country. State/UT wise cases reported, cases charge sheeted, cases convicted, cases conviction rate, persons arrested, persons charge sheeted and persons convicted under dowry deaths (section 304B IPC) during 2012-2014 is at Annexure-I.

(c): MHA issues Advisories from time to time to the State Governments/UTs to check the misuse of the section 498A of IPC. These advisories are available at www.mha.nic.in. IPC, under section 182, which provides punishment for making false complaints. The Law Commission of India in its 243rd Report recommended that a new sub-section (3) may be added to Section 41 of Cr. PC to amicably resolve matters and avoid arrests in false complaints.

(d) & (e): Ministry of Home Affairs has requested the States/UTs dated 5th January, 2015 on "Setting up of IUCAWs in different parts of the country, the objective of these units will be to assist local police in investigation of heinous crimes viz. Rape, dowry death, acid attack, Human Trafficking against women etc. which is available at
http://mha.nic.in/sites/upload_files/mha/files/CrimesagainstWomen0601.PDF
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Advisory dated 12th May, 2015 on Comprehensive approach towards crimes against women has been issued which is available at

http://mha.nic.in/sites/upload_files/mha/files/AdvisoryCompAppCrimeAgainstWomen_130515.pdf

As per the seventh schedule to the Constitution of India `Police` and `Public Order` are State subjects and, as such, the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crime, lies with the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations.

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